

Lesson 5: Fakaaue – Thank you

Fakaaue lahi – Thank you very much

Oue tūlou – Thank you

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❖ Tangi: Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu

- Today we are going to launch into our fourth Vagahau Niue word for Term 3 and learn how to say thank you. Now a simple thank you is said as **Fakaaue**.

🚩 Fakaaue - Say after me

🚩 Fakaaue

❖ Sharleen:

- However, if you want to say the equivalent of the English ‘thank you very much’, you say **Fakaaue lahi**.
- You may recall Gaylene explaining in Lesson 2 that if you want to greet and say thank you to older people or to people in higher status positions than you, you add **lahi** to a statement. The significance of the lahi is that it adds weight and respect. Let’s give it a go

🚩 Fakaaue lahi - Say after me

🚩 Fakaaue lahi

❖ Rina:

- Finally, **Oue tulou** is a formal, respectful, way of saying “thank you” that is used mainly in prayers, when saying grace, during formal thank-you speeches, and when acknowledging gifts.

🚩 Oue tūlou - Say after me
🚩 Oue tūlou



- ❖ Gaylene: Now for a special coconut award, please put your hand up if you can remember how to say hello to one person in Vagahau Niuē. I'll even start you off

- When greeting one person, Tagata Niue say
🚩 Fakaalofa atu _____?

🚩 **Answer = ki a koe**

- ❖ Whāea Jacque: The second coconut award will go to the first person who puts their hand up and can remember how to say goodbye to one person

- When saying goodbye to one person, Tagata Niue say
🚩 _____?

🚩 **Answer = Koe kia**

- ❖ Tangi: Finally, the grand poo-bar coconut award this week goes to the first person who puts their hand up and can remember how to say please in Vagahau Niue

- When saying please, Tagata Niue say
🚩 _____?

🚩 **Answer = Fakamolemole**

